

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES**SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

Opened at 4:35 PM

Present: Becky Ketchum, MaryAnn Anderson, Gloria Nicholson, Sallie Wilder, Marnie Bottesch and Robin Wilson, Librarian.

Meeting notes of August 26, 2021 accepted as written.

ALA grant has been written. Board requested a copy. Instead of going ahead with a community meeting to “meet the candidates” for local office as discussed last month, Robin suggested using the funds to start up a book club. Good discussion on what it takes to have a successful book club: how to get patrons (we have a list of previous members to start with), we need a leader, we need to poll members’ interests and preferred meeting time, how often to meet, etc.

Story Time- Robin does not have anything lined up. Gloria will speak to Barbara Winslow about a presentation of one of her books and ask for suggestions in terms of other Maine authors willing to do presentations. In light of Covid transmission, there is a question of in-person presentation; may need to Zoom.

On the incident of computer usage, the Board discussed moving the computers and decided that with the new and old policies in place, this was not necessary or desired. Robin will clear history after each usage; the patron must sign the usage rules and regulations form one time, as well as signing in and out when using the computer.

Unfortunately, Chewonki informed us that the live animal they were going to bring to Saturday’s program was debilitated and would not be available. We decided to go ahead with this program rather than switch programs where live animals were available or cancel. Becky, Sallie and Marnie will set up and facilitate this program Saturday.

Re-reading the ARPA allowable usage, under “Other”, could we make the case that the repair or replacement of the Book Return Box is Covid necessary, as it keeps people out of the library and free of unnecessary contact that might spread the virus? Somerset County is the least vaccinated county in Maine. This needs to be evaluated by ARPA, but we could ask.

Sophie May Library: no decision was made re: what to do with de-acquisitioned books. Will store them until spring; *possibly* have a book sale at SML. TBD.

We are looking for enhanced communication with the community to advertise library activities. Norridgewock Neighborhood Watch was one suggested possibility so Board members were encouraged to check the site out and comment. Additionally, the Board was encouraged to review the Librarian’s Monthly list of displays and current displays to add input or commentary. Suggestions also welcome on themes to feature in the

coming months. (Note: Policy dictates that the Librarian's Monthly Report include a review of three months. Robin will include plans for November, December and January in the October Librarian's Report.)

New books for purchase this month: 2,9-10,14-16,18-20,25-27, 32-33,35. Fifteen in total. Final dollar amount TBD, but expected to be under our budget target: \$250 month.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 28th at 4PM at the library. **Suggestions for new book purchases and the Librarian's Report should be submitted to Becky by end of the day Wednesday, October 20.**

Adjourned: 6:00 PM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secretary